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The Ludlow Tribune furnished its readers its customary attractive Christmas supplement in its latest issue. The tribute never does thing by halves.

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## NORDICA'S DIVORCE.

Musical World Surprised by Suit of Great Vocalist.

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Hungarian Tenor Doeme, Husband of Famous Artist, Said to Have Become Infatuated With a Parisian Singer of Note.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The musical world, already greatly shocked by the news that Mme. Lillian Nordica has sued her husband, Zoltan Doeme, a famous Hungarian tenor, for divorce, will be still more surprised to learn that the principal correspondent named in the case is said to be one of the most celebrated singers who ever appeared in opera or concert in this city.

Because of the prominence of this woman in the world of music and art and her conspicuous position before the public at the present time every effort is being made to keep her name out of the case.

Mme. Nordica and the correspondent were formerly great friends. Under Maurice Grau they shared honors at the Metropolitan Opera House for several seasons, and their attachment for one another was a matter of remark.

It was a year ago that Mme. Nordica first noticed the growing friendship between her husband and her friend. For awhile she thought nothing of it; then when further evidence of an intimacy between them came to her she could no longer stave off the inevitable and confronted her husband with her suspicions. Herr Doeme denied the charge, declaring that it was a libel on a good woman, but when Mme. Nordica presented her proofs her husband shriveled up and was next heard of singing in Paris.

Mme. Nordica never had a chance to face her rival, for that woman, warned, it is said, by Doeme, soon went to Paris herself. In Paris the intimacy between Doeme and the woman was a matter of comment. They were seen much together and made very little secret of their close friendship.

Mme. Nordica's furious jealousy, which developed when she first discovered the truth, gave way to an unmovable resolution to be free at any cost, even the cost of her husband's and her former friend's reputations.

The rumor that Mme. Melba was the artist named in the suit has been denied by both Mme. Nordica and Mme. Melba.

The two singers have been friends for years. They are each too great to be rivals and have never been such. When Mme. Nordica first determined to bring action against her husband for divorce she consulted her friend Melba and received her sympathy and friendly tears as a solace in her time of trouble.

Doeme and his wife appeared to be a very happy couple. Mme. Nordica seemed proud of his good looks and his fine voice, and he seemed very proud of her. Their domestic life was said to be ideal and was the admiration of the Metropolitan Opera House set for several seasons.

### McKee Rankin Hypnotized Her.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—The troubles of Nance O'Neil, McKee Rankin and W. S. Cleveland, the theatrical manager who has attached all the property of the two actors, were aired in court here. Mr. Cleveland in his testimony declared that Miss O'Neil was hypnotized by Rankin. "It is a second case of Trilby and Svengali," said he. "From the stage of my theater I have seen Rankin exert his influence over Miss O'Neil. When he looked at her she forgot her lines, and when he snapped his fingers at her she would act. He has an undue influence over her and has kept her segregated from other actors or managers."

### Wood Will Be Called Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senator Hanna has decided to request the senate committee on military affairs to subpoena General Wood to answer some of the charges made against him by opponents of his confirmation as major general. The committee expected to close its hearing Dec. 16, but it is now believed that at least two weeks more will be required. Should General Wood be subpoenaed an adjournment will be taken to give him time to return from the Philippines.

### Ministers Leaving Belgrade.

VIENNA, Dec. 12.—According to a dispatch from Belgrade, the German, Austrian and Turkish ministers are preparing to leave the city ostensibly for a long holiday. The Russian and Italian representatives have already left Belgrade on a similar pretext. The real reason for the exodus of diplomats, however, is said to be that King Peter has negated the demands of these ministers for the punishment of the assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

### Republican Leaders Meet.

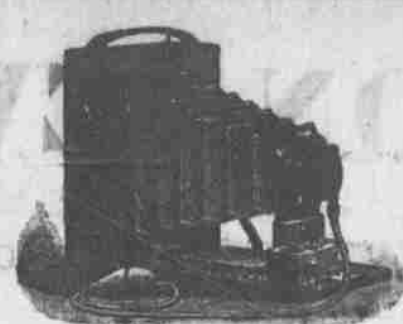
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—From the best information obtainable the choice of the Republican district leaders' conference held today will be as follows: For president of the committee, Alexander T. Mason; for chairman of the executive committee, William Halpin; for treasurer of the county committee, Captain F. Norton Goddard, all district leaders.

### Blair and Wife Leave for Florida.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—James L. Blair, former attorney for the St. Louis exposition, who is under bonds in connection with a charge of mismanaging trust funds, has left here for Florida. He was accompanied by Mrs. Blair.

### Weather Probabilities.

Rain or snow; colder; south winds.



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## TENNIS AT TUXEDO.

Annual Tournament For Amateur Champions of America.

TUXEDO PARK, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The day's play in the second annual amateur court tennis tournament at Tuxedo Park for the gold racket championship of the United States, for which Charles E. Sands already holds one leg, having won title to the same last year, opened here with a match between Charles E. Sands, former champion of the United States and France, and Ernest A. Thompson, former champion of the New York Racket and Tennis club, the former winning by three straight sets, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

The chief feature of this match was the effective railroad service of each player, which showed that honors were about even in this respect, but in the receiving of the service Mr. Sands shone much more brilliantly than his opponent by his volleying, which was exceptionally good.

Joshua Crane, Jr., met Hewitt Morgan and easily won the match, which brings him in for the finals. Mr. Crane was at his best. His service, which was superb, found the nick repeatedly, although Mr. Morgan distinguished himself by his very clever volleying of the railroad service. Mr. Crane won the match inside of an hour by 6-3, 6-0, 6-1.

Mr. Crane will meet Mr. Sands in the finals. This match is exciting keen interest among the Bostonians and New Yorkers, each believing that their man is a shade better than the other.

### Growing Strenuousness Must Cease.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The annual report of the board of education of the District of Columbia submitted contains the following in regard to football: "The board has had its attention directed to a growing strenuousness and carelessness in inflicting injury in the football games between the schools. While highly appreciating the value of all reasonable athletic sports, the board will aim to sharply check all tendencies toward rowdiness and savagery, which characterize the play of many of the prominent institutions of the country."

### Hurley Is Harvard's Captain.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 12.—Daniel J. Hurley, who played right half-back on the Harvard varsity football team during the past season, has been elected captain of the varsity team of 1904. The men who participated in the election, which was unanimous, were those who played in the Pennsylvania and Yale games. Hurley's home is in Charlestown, Mass.

### Oakland Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—Dolly Hayman proved a complete surprise by winning the last race at Oakland at odds of 30 to 1. The event was thought to be between Epicure and Beau Ormonde, and both were heavily played. Beau Ormonde looked like a winner until the last fifty yards, when Lowe brought Dolly Hayman up and beat him by a neck.

### Bob Was Put to Sleep.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 12.—Young Peter Jackson of this city knocked out Bob Long of Chicago in the eleventh round of their twenty round bout here before the Eureka Athletic and Social club. The men are colored and are in the middleweight class. A left swing to the jaw and two short arm blows to the stomach put Long to sleep.

### Racing at New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 12.—Little Jack Horner, Lev Dorsey, Ascension, Charlie Thompson and Agnes Brennan were the winning favorites. Alito, the only beaten favorite, sulked from start to finish.

### Cornell Defeated Hobart.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 12.—Cornell defeated Hobart college at basketball here by a score of 25 to 6.

### Private Trolley Car Wrecked.

CANTON, O., Dec. 12.—Henry T. Everett's private trolley car Josephine, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Currie and Dr. and Mrs. O. M. Lyon, all of Akron, as passengers, was wrecked here. Dr. Lyon was probably fatally hurt, while Mrs. Lyon received injuries that may prove serious. The car was badly damaged. The accident occurred at the junction of the Canton and Akron electric line and the city line. The car was coming toward the city at a lively rate, and the motorman applied the air brake some distance before an open switch was reached, but the wheels slipped on the rails, and the front trucks left the track and struck a telephone pole, knocking it down and battering in the end of the car.

### Japanese Diet Dissolved.

TOKYO, Dec. 12.—The diet has been dissolved. Hopes had been entertained in official circles that in view of the extraordinary nature of the step taken by the lower house in its reply to the speech from the throne the vote on the reply would be reversed. The allied parties, however, at mass meetings held outside the diet decided the action taken should not be reversed, and the dissolution followed.

### Fall River Has \$30,000 Fire.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 12.—A spark from a match with which the gas was being lighted in a window of James H. Booth's dry goods store here started a fire that gutted the two blocks at the corner of Pocasset and South Main streets, caused a loss of \$30,000 and nearly cost the life of Mrs. De Conagne, a tenant.

### Fatal Auto-Trolley Smash.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 12.—L. C. Biggs, president of the Chattanooga Ice company and a wealthy manufacturer, is dead of his injuries received in a collision between his automobile and a street car.

## PANAMA IN CONGRESS

Foreign Affairs Chairman Defends Action of President.

"DID NOT WASTE TIME—NEVER DOES"

Hitt Said, "The Whole World Is In Favor of This Canal, and We Have a Man at Work Who Will Cut It Through."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The birth of the republic of Panama and its recognition by this government was the subject of a spirited debate in the house. Mr. Dinsmore (Dem., Ark.), during consideration of the pensions appropriation bill, severely criticized the administration in connection with the canal and Mr. Hitt (Rep., Ill.), chairman of the foreign affairs committee, replied in a vigorous defense of the president and his Central American policy. Mr. Williams of Mississippi, the minority leader, replied to Mr. Hitt, declaring that the minority did not condone the part taken by this government in connection with Panama affairs.

Mr. Dinsmore said the republic of Panama had been established and exists by the power of the United States, and without that power it could not exist. Nothing had, he said, been gained that could not have been gained in a straightforward and honorable way.

Mr. Hitt said there was nothing hasty or unique in the recognition of the new republic, as it occurred five days after the promulgation of the independence of the republic.

Mr. Williams asked if this was not the first time in South American history "that the other fellow had been prevented from shooting back."

Mr. Hitt replied that he had seen it stated in the press, but did not know it to be so, but said that troops could be sent to Colon only to interfere with traffic on the isthmus and that the United States is under obligation to prevent interruption of this traffic.

Mr. Hitt made a vigorous defense of the administration in connection with the republic of Panama. His references to the president caused loud applause on the Republican side.

"Ordinarily," Mr. Hitt went on, "when a ship is in port and a disturbance or insurrection occurs we land troops to protect Americans from being killed or robbed. We have done that in France, and we would do it anywhere."

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